

American Fork

city scoop

LOOKING FORWARD

With the new year comes a chance to start fresh and look forward to a promising future. We can expect great things in 2018, particularly if we are willing to work together to make them great. Below is a list of important 2018 events you can look forward to locally, nationally, globally, ...and galactically.

MP-FREE

January will see the expiration of some important patents in technology and digital video in the United States. During this month, MP3 (common audio files), MPEG-1 (audio and video files) and MPEG-2 (e.g., DVD and Blue-Ray) will transfer to public domain.

2018 WINTER OLYMPICS

The 2018 Winter Olympics will take place Feb. 9 through the 25 in Pyeongchang, South Korea. 83% of the Pyeongchang region is mountainous, making it an ideal location for winter sports.



GETTING BEHIND THE WHEEL

In September of 2017 the Saudi Arabia government announced that it will allow women in the country to drive, a royal decree that will take effect by June of 2018. What a logistical nightmare it

must have been for woman to not be able to drive! Well buckle up because that will soon change!

FIFA

The FIFA World Cup will take place from Jun 14 to Jul 15 in Russia. The tournament will include 32 teams from 5 confederations and will take place at 12 locations in 11 different cities. The FIFA World Cup takes place every 4 years. Sorry, USA didn't qualify this time.



FIFA WORLD CUP
RUSSIA 2018

STEEL GOING STRONG

The American Fork Steel Days Celebration is tentatively planned for Jul 14 through Jul 22. This week and a half celebration is expected to be bigger and better then ever. Stay up to date through the city's website.

MARS APPROACHING

On Jul 27 Mars will make its closest approach to Earth since 2003. On that day it will only be 0.3862 Astronomical Units away! Okay yes, that's still 35.9 million miles away.



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CONTACTS

OFFICE NUMBERS

ADMINISTRATION	801-763-3000
PUBLIC WORKS	801-763-3060
LIBRARY	801-763-3070
FITNESS CENTER	801-763-3080

NON-EMERGENCY

POLICE	801-763-3020
FIRE & RESCUE	801-763-3045

UTILITIES-ON-CALL LINES

WATER	801-404-1253
SEWER	801-404-7167
PRESSURIZED WATER	801-404-0947
STORM WATER	801-404-7167
STREETS	801-404-1255
GARBAGE	801-924-8500
STREET LIGHTS	800-814-4311

You can also report a concern on the City website

FITNESS CENTER FAIR

The annual Health and Fitness Fair will be on Saturday, Jan 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Fitness Center! This is when you can get annual membership for up to 14% to 23% off. There will be discounts on all pass types, including family passes which will be \$100 off. Applies to residents and non-residents.

This is the only time you will get such incredible savings! During the Fair there will be hourly prizes, local vendors, demonstrations, and more. Admission to the Fitness Center is free the entire day!

Seniors ages 60+ don't need to wait for Jan 13 to purchase tickets. Rather, they can purchase their pass for the discounted prices anytime between now and Jan 13.

Offer does not include monthly payments or additional discount on sale prices. Contact Fitness Center for more information at www.afcity.org or by calling 801-763-3084.

Health and Fitness Fair

- Free admission all day long
- First 200 people get free water bottles
- Hourly prizes
- Free screenings
- Demonstrations
- Free face painting and balloons
- Up to \$100 off annual membership



COUNCIL & BOARD VACANCIES

City Council Vacancy

The City of American Fork announces a vacancy in the office of City Council, created by the election of Councilmember Brad Frost to Mayor, effective January 2, 2018. The City of American Fork will fill said vacancy, following public interviews, at the City Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. at Historic City Hall.

Any qualified person interested may make application online at www.afcity.org/162/Elections, or in person to Terilyn Lurker, City Recorder. Applications will be accepted until Jan. 5, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

Library Board Vacancy

The American Fork Library Board of Trustees is looking for individuals from the American Fork community to volunteer to serve as Board members.

These individuals should:

- LOVE THE LIBRARY
- Commit to at least 2 hours per month
- Be a library advocate
- Provide insight and leadership so the library can effectively serve the community
- Enjoy working with a great group of Board members
- Submit a resume or letter of interest outlining qualifications to serve

Resumes can be submitted to the Library or emailed to Colleen Eggett at ceggett@afcity.net Deadline is Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2018. If there are any questions, contact Colleen Eggett, Library Director at 801-763-3070.

MLK DAY

January 15 is the national holiday for civil rights activist Martin Luther King Jr. In addition to your own observance, here are some lesser known facts, courtesy of History.com.

1. Martin was born Michael King, Jr. but at the age of 5 Michael's father was inspired by reformation leader Martin Luther and decided to legally change both their names.
2. According to the King Center, the civil rights leader went to jail 29 times. He was arrested for acts of civil disobedience and on trumped-up charges, such as when he was jailed in Montgomery, Alabama, in 1956 for

driving 30 miles per hour in a 25-mile-per-hour zone.

3. A decade before his assassination, Martin Luther narrowly escaped death after a mentally ill lady plunged a seven inch letter opener into his chest, narrowly missing his aorta, during a book signing event.
4. Observing MLK Day on the third Monday was an attempt to stay as close to his birthday, Jan 15, as possible. George Washington is the only other American to have had his birthday observed as a national holiday.



KNOW THE CODE: SNOW

American Fork City strives to provide timely, efficient and cost effective snow and ice removal. Each storm or weather event produces different variables that affect how we respond with our snow removal equipment. We work hard to clear snow, but it is not the policy of American Fork City to maintain bare pavement on City streets. City code Chapter 10.36 of the city code discusses parking regulations for purposes of snow removal.

PARKING ON THE STREET

In accordance with City ordinance, no parking is permitted on City streets from Nov. 1 to March 31, when a measurable amount of snow has fallen and the street has not been plowed since the snowfall. On those snowy days, citations will be issued for vehicles and/or trailers that remain parked within the right-of-way during these months. (Ordinance No. 93-10-30)

PLOWING PRIORITY

Street plowing priority is based on the roads classification and usage intensity. Those streets identified as primary streets such as arterial and collector roads, and deemed to be in the minimum network needed to provide basic transportation for public safety, schools, or steep grades will receive priority. These streets will be plowed 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, when weather conditions warrant, or if there is three inches or more snow accumulation. After major storms, when conditions have moderated, and when Priority 1 and Priority 2 streets have been cleared, street personnel will clear cul-de-sacs and dead-end streets as soon as possible. Please note that there are certain streets in the City which are private roadways, or are owned and maintained by UDOT that are not plowed by City personnel.

PLOWING STREETS CURB-TO-CURB

In order to facilitate multi-lane traffic, it is the practice of the City to plow the widest section of the road possible on Priority 1 and Priority 2 streets. Those streets identified as Priority 3 and Priority 4 will be maintained with one travel lane in each direction. This work requires a number of passes by the plows which create a windrow that can become a problem in blocking driveways and mailbox locations. Residents are encouraged, when possible, to wait until the snow plows have completed their work before clearing driveways and mailbox access. This will minimize the amount of snow pushed back into your driveway should additional plowing be required. Please be aware that it is in violation of City ordinance to deposit snow or ice onto a sidewalk or vehicle travel lane. A map with plowing priorities is online.

USAGE OF SALT ON ROADWAYS

Salt is used only at intersections, on hills, in school zones or limited areas where it is deemed necessary. Temperature, storm duration and intensity affect the effectiveness of the salt and the

ability of snow plows to clear streets. When temperatures dip below 19 degrees, salt becomes ineffective in melting snow and ice. It is not economically feasible to salt all streets as a routine practice.

SUBDIVISIONS AND CUL-DE-SACS

In subdivisions and cul-de-sacs, our plows focus on keeping one travel lane in each direction passable.

FIRE HYDRANTS

The Fire and Rescue Department has asked that you help keep fire hydrants clear of snow so they are viewable and useable.

IN SUMMARY

Our street department personnel work hard to keep you safe as they clear snow from the 120 miles of road within our City. We appreciate your patience and cooperation as we work together within this great community of ours. To read our entire Snow Removal Ordinance, and additional related details, please visit <http://afcity.org/268/Snow-Removal-Guide>. You can also call 801-763-3050.



It's time to see how we did in 2017! American Fork City has its annual Community Survey available right now. you can take the survey online at surveymonkey.com/r/AF_survey or by following the QR code below. Additionally, hard copies will be available in all city facilities.

Gathering resident opinions is invaluable to us as we make decisions for the City. The survey is 13 questions, less

than 10 minutes long, and your responses WILL NOT be individually tracked. **Responses are due by Friday, January 19.** If you have any questions or concerns about the survey, please contact Camden Bird at (801) 763-3000.



surveymonkey.com/r/AF_survey

UPCOMING EVENTS

Date & Time	Event	Location	Details
Jan. 1	New Year's Day	American Fork City	City offices will be closed.
Jan. 2, 1 p.m.	Senior Citizen Activity	American Fork Library	Journals Class. Contact Library for details.
Jan. 2, 12 p.m.	Mayor and Council Swearing In	Historic City hall	New Mayor and Council will be sworn into office. Event will be broadcast.
Jan. 4, 7 p.m.	Teen Thing	American Fork Library	Winter-Fest activities. Ages 11-18. Contact Library for details.
Jan. 8	Winter Storytime Begins	American Fork Library	Online registration. See Library website for details
Jan. 8, 6 p.m.	Balcony Gallery Artist Reception	American Fork Library	January's artist will be Debbie Wood. Contact Library for details.
Jan. 8, 7 p.m.	Family Night	American Fork Library	Central Utah Water Conservancy presents Operation Snowfall. Contact Library for details.
Jan. 15	Martin Luther King Jr. Day	American Fork City	City offices will be closed.
Jan. 18, 6 p.m.	Full STEAM Ahead	American Fork Library	Ages 8-11. Register online. Visit Library website for more information.
Jan. 18, 7 p.m.	Create Cooking Class	American Fork Library	Hosted by USU Extension. Contact Library for details.
Jan. 22, 4 p.m.	Magic Tree House Book Club	American Fork Library	"Blizzard of the Blue Moon." Grades 1-3. Online registration encouraged.
Jan. 27, 2 p.m.	Create an Orderly Home	American Fork Library	Free Organizing Presentation. Contact Library for details.

City Council meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesdays for each month at 7:30 p.m. Details about these, and other city and community events are also listed on www.afcity.org, Twitter and Facebook.